

## **THE PENDING CLAIMS**

1. (previously presented) A swimsuit comprising:
  - (a) a loop adapted to at least partially encircle a human waist;
  - (b) a fastening device which couples a first part of the swimsuit body to a second part of the swimsuit body; and
  - (c) a storage compartment on the swimsuit body which compactly stows the body;

wherein the loop is positioned relative to the swimsuit body so that when said fastening device is engaged, the swimsuit may be worn by a human.
2. (previously presented) The swimsuit of claim 1 wherein said loop is adapted to completely encircle said human waist.
3. (original) The swimsuit of claim 1 wherein said loop is selected from the group consisting of (i) a decorative chain, and, (ii) a tubular member.
4. (previously presented) The swimsuit of claim 1 wherein the loop comprises a chain made of a material resistant to corrosion.
5. (previously presented) A method of removing a swimsuit separable at at least one point by a fastening device while leaving it attached to a human body, comprising:

- (a) decoupling at least one fastening device on a body of the swimsuit and separating a first part of the body of the swimsuit from a second part of the body of the swimsuit;
  - (b) compacting the body of the swimsuit into a small space;
  - (c) storing the compacted body of the swimsuit using at least one storage compartment on the body of the swimsuit; and
  - (d) using a loop at least partially encircling the human body for supporting the swimsuit on the human body.
6. (original) The method of claim 5 wherein the storing of the compacted body of the swimsuit using the at least one storage compartment is performed through an opening at an end of the at least one storage compartment.
7. (original) The method of claim 5 wherein the at least one storage compartment comprises two storage compartments.
8. (previously presented) A method of making a collapsible swimsuit comprising:
- (a) separating a swimsuit body at at least one position;
  - (b) attaching a piece of material to said body of the swimsuit and defining a storage compartment therebetween;
  - (c) attaching at least one fastening device to the swimsuit at the at least one separation position, the at least one fastening device enabling fastening of

one portion of the swimsuit body to another portion of the swimsuit body;

and

- (d) attaching a loop capable of at least partially enclosing a human waist to the swimsuit.

9. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein said loop is capable of completely encircling a human waist.

10. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein said loop is selected from the group consisting of (i) a decorative chain, and, (ii) a tubular element.

11. (previously presented) A swimsuit comprising:

- (a) a loop adapted to at least partially encircle a human waist;
- (b) a body having a front end and a rear end, the front end having a width greater than the rear end;
- (c) a fastener for detachably coupling the rear end of the body to said loop; and
- (d) a storage compartment on the front of the swimsuit for compactly stowing the body;

wherein the loop is positioned relative to the swimsuit body so that when said fastener is attached, the swimsuit may be worn by a human.

12. (original) The swimsuit of claim 11 wherein said loop is adapted to completely encircle said human waist.
13. (original) The swimsuit of claim 11 wherein said loop is selected from the group consisting of (i) a decorative chain, and, (ii) a tubular member.
14. (previously presented) The swimsuit of claim 11 wherein the loop comprises a chain made of a material resistant to corrosion.